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SUBJ: VISAS CASES: BFS LECTURER AND STAG PROGRAMS

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1. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ADVISE SOVEMBASSY THAT, SINCE
SOVEMBASSY LINKED FRANKEL AND UKHLIN CASES, AND FRANKEL
CASE CONCLUDED WITHOUT ISSUANCE OF VISAS, DEPARTMENT
CONSIDERS UKHLIN CASE SIMILARLY CONCLUDED. SUGGEST
STRESS THAT U.S. DEPLORES CONCEPT OF LINKAGE OF THESE
COMPLETELY DISSIMILAR CASES AND WOULD HOPE THAT ACTIVE
OF THIS KIND WILL NOT BE REPEATED, BUT THAT, SINCE
SOVIET EMBASSY SPECIFICALLY LINKED THESE CASES, WE
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ASSUME UKHLIN REQUEST NOW WITHDRAWN.

2. EMBASSY PROPOSES PRESENTING AIDE MEMOIRE
PROTESTING FRANKEL TURN-DOWN WITHOUT CITING LINKAGE
TO UKHLIN CASE. BODY OF DRAFT TEXT, WITHOUT HONORIFIC
INTRODUCTION AND CONCLUSION, FOLLOWS. REQUEST
CONCURRENCE.

QUOTE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES BRINGS TO
THE ATTENTION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
THE REFUSAL OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
TO ISSUE VISAS TO DR. AND MRS. CHARLES FRANKEL.
DR. FRANKEL, DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY
AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PLANNED
TO VISIT THE USSR FROM MARCH 11 TO 16 TO MEET WITH
COUNTERPARTS IN HIS FIELD AND TO DISCUSS CURRENT
TRENDS IN AMERICAN LEGAL PHILOSOPHY. THE EMBASSY
OF THE UNITED STATES IN MOSCOW HAS BEEN INFORMED BY
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT APPROPRIATE
VISA AUTHORIZATION HAD BEEN SENT TO THE
SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, BUT DESPITE REPEATED
REQUESTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE VISAS
WERE NOT ISSUED AND DR. FRANKEL WAS FORCED TO CANCEL
HIS TRIP.

IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE WITH WHICH WE REGARD
THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES BY LEADING
FIGURES IN
THE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL FIELDS
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
STATES WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AN EXPLANATION
OF WHY DR. AND MRS. FRANKEL'S VISAS WERE NOT ISSUED.
WE WOULD ALSO LIKE ASSURANCES THAT THEIR VISA
APPLICATIONS WOULD RECEIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION
SHOULD THEY WISH TO VISIT THE USSR AT ANOTHER DATE
AND THAT SIMILAR INCIDENTS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE
IN THE FUTURE. UNQUOTE.

3. RE WILDAVSKY'S VISA CASE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT
IT NOW ROUTINELY REQUEST MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION
TO REDIRECT VISA AUTHORIZATIONS TO SOVEMBASSY IN
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BUCHAREST WHERE WILDAVSKY WILL BE FROM MARCH 21 TO 26.
BY CONTINUING WILDAVSKY CASE IN THAT MANNER, WE MAY GET
INDICATION OF EXTENT TO WHICH CURRENT SHORT-TERM LECTURER
VISAS HASSLE IS CAUSED BY SOVEMBASSY WASHINGTON INITIATIVE
AS OPPOSED TO MFA INITIATIVE. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY
WILDAVSKY VISAS MIGHT BE ISSUED IN EE IN SPITE OF
SOVEMBASSY WASHINGTON REMARKS REPORTED REFTTEL. THIS IS
PARTICULARLY THE CASE IN THE MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION

MARCH 19 ROUTINELY INFORMED US AUTHORIZATIONS FOR ISSUANCE
OF VISAS TO WILDAVSKYS HAD BEEN SENT TO SOVEMBASSY WASHINGTON.
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